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FOR : SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: GEORGE BUSH
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CHIAO KUAN-HUA CALLED ME IN AT 5:30 THIS EVENING TO GIVE ME PRC REPLY TO OUR MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 1. CHIAO READ CHINESE POSITION WHICH TOOK HARD LINE ON COMMUNIQUE AND SAID ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AROUND TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE VISIT. AFTER READING TEXT, CHIAO ADDED THAT "IT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR THE CHINESE SIDE TO RECEIVE OUR ADVANCE PARTY ON NOVEMBER 6 BECAUSE ANOTHER HEAD OF STATE WILL BE VISITING THE PRC AT THAT TIME." HE SUGGESTED THE ADVANCE GROUP'S ARRIVAL BE DELAYED UNTIL NOVEMBER 16. I MADE NO COMMENT ON CHIAO'S PRESENTATION OTHER THAN TO SAY I WOULD REPORT THE PRC POSITION.

TEXT CHIAO'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"THE U.S. MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 1 DEMONSTRATES AGAIN THAT THE U.S. SIDE SEEMS TO BE OF THE VIEW THAT IT WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE STRONG ACTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN, NOR WILL IT BE PREPARED TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS, IF THE CHINESE SIDE DOES NOT SATISFY THE U.S. SIDE ON THE QUESTION OF THE RESULTS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA. THE CHINESE SIDE WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE FOLLOWING IN ALL FRANKNESS: AS IS KNOWN TO ALL, IT IS THE SELF-INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES THAT GUIDES ITS INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS. THE CHINESE SIDE HAS LONG MADE CLEAR THAT IT ENTERTAINS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE BASIS OF CHINA'S POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE. CHINA NEITHER FEARS INTIMIDATION NOR SEEKS PROTECTION. AS FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, THIS IS THE COMMON ASPIRATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. AND IT IS THE UNITED STATES THAT

***** WHSP COMMENT *****

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